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Question :

Whether fund has been earmarked for the study of the need to put in place a separate mechanism other than the existing courts/tribunals for resolving disputes over building management and maintenance in 2007-08 and beyond? If so, please provide details of the arrangement and the expected date of completion of the study.

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply :

The Administration is examining the views collected during our public consultation on mandatory building inspection, including the proposal on whether there is a need to put in place a separate mechanism other than the existing courts/tribunals for resolving disputes over building management and maintenance matters. We will announce the results after the completion of our analysis.

No additional expenditure is required as the policy work related to building safety is carried out by the Bureau's existing staff as part of their duties and will continue to be so in 2007-08.

Signature _____

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